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AMENDMENT "D" AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to a final official action dated September 28, 2001.

In light of the amendments and remarks presented below, the applicants request withdrawal of the objection and favorable reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 19, 21, and 22 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A transdemnal system for the delivery of clonidine consisting essentially of

a clonidine-containing, pressure-sensitive, acrylate-based contact adhesive layer comprising a copolymer consisting of the monomers 2-ethylhexyl acrylate and vinyl acetate;

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a covering; and